

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus performing a printing operation with respect to printing data transmitted from an external device, the image forming apparatus including a printing engine unit performing the printing operation with respect to the printing data, a printing control unit connectable to the external device, controlling the printing engine unit to perform the printing operation with respect to the printing data transmitted from the external device, and an image processing unit removably disposed in the image forming apparatus, transforming the printing data transmitted from the external device to image data to be processed by the printing engine unit, wherein the image processing unit is connected to the printing control unit through a local BUS when the image processing unit is mounted in the image forming apparatus.